
**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS'**

**September 26, 2006
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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP. AN AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Transportation Conformity Working Group held its meeting at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

In Attendance:

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| Jennifer Bergener | OCTA |
| Dan Phu | Parsons |
| Jack Meifert | Parsons |
| Harley Martin | CH2MHILL |
| Ayman Salama | CH2MHILL |
| Ken Lobeck | RCTC |
| Arnie Sherwood | ITS Berkley/SCAG |
| Lydia LaPoint | IBI Group |
| Anthony Ng | Caltrans |
| Hamid Toossi | Caltrans |
| Thoa Le | Caltrans |
| M. Ahmadi | MMA |
| Danny Wu | SCAG |
| Jessica Kirchner | SCAG |
| Dawn Kukla | Caltrans, Dist. 7 |
| Eyvonne Sells | SCAQMD |
| Jonathan Nadler | SCAG |
| Sylvia Patsaouras | SCAG |
| Sheryll Del Rosario | SCAG |
| Kathryn Higgins | SCAQMD |
| Lori Huddleston | LA MTA |
| Matt Jones | Mestre Greve Associates |
| Ali Cayir | Transtech/Pomona |
| Yunus Kahi | Transtech/Pomona |
| David Chow | IBI Group |

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Via Teleconference:

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| Lisa Tye | City of Irvine |
| Maureen Harake | Caltrans, District 12 |
| Carol Gomez | So. Coast AQMD |
| Maria Kadez | RBF Consulting |
| Paul Fagan | Caltrans Dist. 8 |
| Ben Cacatian | Ventura County APCD |
| Ilene Gallo | Caltrans |
| Sandy Johnson | Caltrans, District 11 |
| Mike Brady | Caltrans Headquarters |
| Dennis Wade | CARB |
| Tom Perez | City of Santa Ana |
| Keith Lay | LSA Associates |
| Ted Matley | FTA Region 9 |
| Jean Mazur | Federal Highway Administration |
| Mary Zaban | Riverside County Transportation |
| Tony Louka | Caltrans, District 8 |
| Carla Walecka | Carla Walecka & Associates |

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable Jennifer Bergener, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval Item

5.1.1 Approve August 22, 2006 Meeting Minutes

MOTION was made to APPROVE the minutes were. MOTION
SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 RTIP Update

There was no report this month.

4.2 RTP Update

There was no report this month.

4.3 TCM Update

There was no report this month.

4.4 AQMP Update/Modeling

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG, gave a brief overview of SCAG's portion on the 2007 AQMP for the South Coast Air Basin. The focus of the plan of the 2007 AQMP for the South Coast this time is on the PM 2.5 and the eight hour ozone standards. SCAG is required by law to develop a portion of the AQMP for the South Coast Air Basin. The three main components that SCAG provides are socio-economic data, transportation model activity data, and the transportation control measures. The deadline for submitting the State Implementation Plan (SIP) plan for the eight-hour ozone standard to U.S. EPA is June of 2007. While the PM2.5 SIP is due to U.S. EPA in April 2008, the PM2.5 SIP is being prepared on the same time schedule as the ozone SIP, and will be included as part of the June 2007 submittal. The preliminary draft AQMP will be released in October for public review.

Deng Bang Lee, Manager, SCAG Transportation and Modeling Division, provided an overview of SCAG's regional travel demand model. The model utilizes growth forecasts and transportation network data to generate output such as volume, speeds, and travel times. SCAG has been in the process of developing a new transportation model which uses the most up-to-date technology and data. The new model is still under development, including peer review and validation testing. To provide input for the 2007 AQMP for the South Coast Air Basin, SCAG developed an interim model that is

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intended to more closely duplicate what would be expected from running the new model.

4.5 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

The TCWG considered nine interagency review forms to determine whether the projects were of air quality concern and required a qualitative PM hot spot analysis. The review concluded the following:

OR48: Not a POAQC - hot spot analysis not required
ORA125: Not a POAQC - hot spot analysis not required
RIV62015: Not a POAQC - hot spot analysis not required
LAOB408: To be discussed further at PM Hot Spot Subgroup meeting
LA996340: Not a POAQC - hot spot analysis not required
SBD31808: Not a POAQC - hot spot analysis not required
RIV060118: Not a POAQC - hot spot analysis not required
ORA000195: Not a POAQC - hot spot analysis not required
RIV050501: Not a POAQC - hot spot analysis not required

4.6 Qualitative PM Hot Spot Analysis Review

The TCWG considered three qualitative PM hot spot analyses (RTIP #s SBD20020812; ORA120332; and ORA120336). The TCWG decided that all three analyses should be further considered by the PM Hot Spot Subgroup.

4.7 PM Hot Spot Process

SCAG staff included two items: 1) a list of contacts to which project sponsors should submit their PM hot spot materials, and 2) a step-by-step instruction sheet for the PM hot spot conformity process in the SCAG region. Any comments on the process write-up should be sent to SCAG.

4.8 Review of Regional Significance

Harley Martin, CH2MHILL Project Manager for the environmental document for the SR-47 Expressway Project (Schuyler Heim Bridge Replacement), presented this item on behalf of Caltrans. Caltrans requested

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that the TCWG consider allowing the SR-47 Expressway Project to move forward with the addition of an auxiliary lane and an elevated ramp to the project description included in the 2006 RTIP.

The question was raised as to whether the addition of the auxiliary lane and elevated ramp is regionally significant and needs modeling to support the request to amend the RTP and RTIP to include these facilities as part of the project. The TCWG did not consider this meeting as the forum to make a determination regarding the proposed amendment, and Caltrans was asked to submit a formal amendment request to begin the review process.

5.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

6.0 INFORMATION SHARING

Ventura County APCD informed the committee that their Planning Manager and the Engineer Manager had been laid off for budgetary reasons.

Tony Louka, Caltrans District 8, stated that there will be a PM Hot Spot workshop on October 17, 2006 at San Bernardino City Hall.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Honorable Jennifer Bergener, adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 24, 2006 at SCAG's office.**